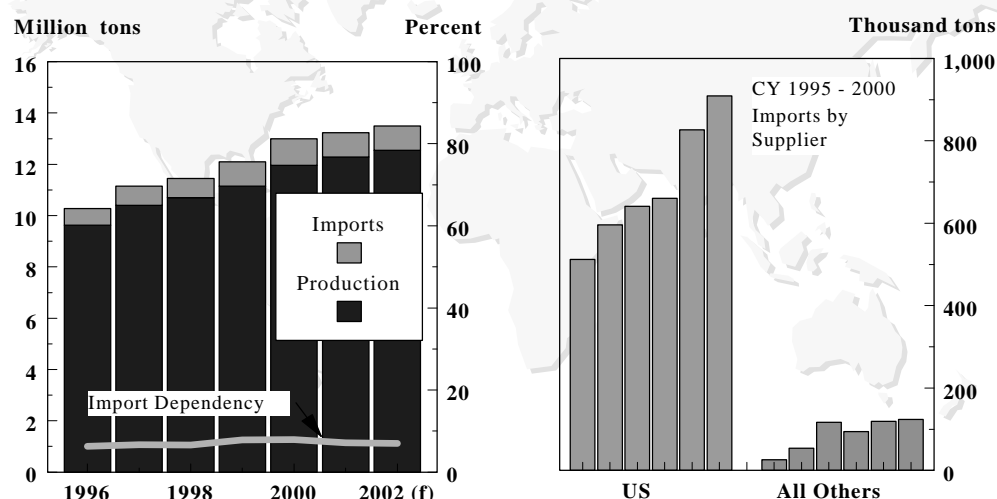


China's Poultry Situation

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001 (p)	2002 (f)
Production	9,630	10,400	10,700	11,150	11,960	12,285	12,545
Imports	650	758	755	946	1041	950	950
Consumption	9909	10791	11101	11692	12497	12715	12965
Exports	371	367	354	404	504	520	530

(All data in thousand metric tons)

China's Poultry Meat Production Growing at Steady Rate As Producers Focus On Export & Domestic Market; U.S. Gaining Share of Import Market



China's imports of poultry meat will remain flat through 2002 as domestic producers will supply a greater share of the market at home and imports will be more strictly monitored to limit smuggling and gray-channel products. Production increased only 3 percent in 2001 and is forecast to increase only 2 percent in 2002 to 12.5 million tons. Although this increase is lower than in previous years, the domestic broiler industry is becoming increasingly more sophisticated. The industry is focusing on the huge domestic market, especially rural markets, and international markets such as the EU and Africa. Exports are expected to steadily grow in 2002 despite several set backs in 2001 caused by trade disputes with Japan and South Korea. Consumption of poultry meat is forecast to increase 2 percent to 13 million tons in 2002.